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POPULATION ESTIMATE

Whole State at 31st December, 1952 -

Males - 317,208; Females - 297,275; Persons - 614,483

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1952 -

Persons - 346,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MARCH		3 Months Ended	
	1953	1952	MARCH	
			1953	1952
Marriages - Number	426	473	1,306	1,541
- *Rate per 1000 of Population	8.12	9.37	8.58	10.43
Births - Number	1,337	1,163	4,001	3,810
*Rate per 1000 of Population	25.47	23.05	26.30	25.80
Deaths - Number	387	366	1,110	1,207
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.37	7.25	7.30	8.17
Infant Mortality - Number	38	38	101	124
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	28.42	32.67	25.24	32.55
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	5	7	14	24
Malignant neoplasms	74	39	190	160
Diabetes mellitus	4	3	10	13
Diseases of blood etc.	2	2	4	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	34	49	103	153
Diseases of the heart	103	107	335	313
Hypertension with heart disease	10	10	33	29
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	2	4	13	15
Arteriosclerosis	13	5	31	41
Influenza	-	1	1	4
Pneumonia	8	11	31	46
Bronchitis	4	-	7	4
Other respiratory disease	2	4	5	19
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	5	10	9
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	4	9	12
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	3	3	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	1	4	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	4	10	15
Diseases of the prostate	-	5	8	15
Maternal causes	-	3	2	7
Diseases of early infancy	25	26	60	79
Motor vehicle accidents	22	8	43	45
Other accidents	15	14	50	53
Suicide	4	5	11	22
All other causes	48	46	123	118
Total.	387	366	1,110	1,207

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, 1953, totalled 444,984 acres, an increase of 151,373 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,500,419 acres, an increase of 464,680.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of APRIL.		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,849,800	3,030,324	30,465,253	26,932,358
Revenue per Head of Population	£6. 4. 3	£5. 1. 6	£49. 17. 3	£45. 13. 3
Expenditure	3,493,948	3,048,942	32,006,351	28,261,768
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 12. 9	£5. 2. 1	£52. 7. 8	£47. 18. 4

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 30th April, 1953 amounted to £48,555,705 or £78. 5. 1d. per head of population as against £46,444,860 or £77. 13. 1d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 29th April, 1953 amounted to £12,119,875 compared with £12,433,131 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	1,806	1,570	16,390	18,924
	£.	2,384,442	2,042,983	19,929,990	25,214,998
Mortgages	No.	1,404	1,105	12,600	12,844
	£.	2,141,578	1,575,702	18,193,567	17,665,845
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	965	785	9,093	9,176

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND

TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Ten months ended APRIL, 1953	29,050,868	21,225,162	69,337,674	4,441,204
Ten months ended APRIL, 1952	30,783,404	23,102,925	70,735,233	4,567,161
Month of APRIL, 1953	2,879,148	2,104,516	7,037,153	438,022
Month of APRIL, 1952	4,490,441	2,542,506	8,600,705	531,949

COMPANIES REGISTERED

101 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £5,489,600 and 53 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 75 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,950,900 and 55 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Ten Months Ended APRIL					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	33	109,390	53,942	15	30,046	31,858
Deeds of Assignment (a)	21	158,149	185,128	12	38,959	26,880
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	809,500	694,300	5,555,200	7,129,800
Working Expenses. (a) £.	1,256,772	895,889	8,843,711	7,847,016
Train Miles Run. No.	545,470	533,208	3,636,156	5,379,390
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b)149,636	(b)144,931	(c)1,466,971	(c)1,353,273
Passenger Journeys -				
Train No.	556,327	731,987	4,255,320	8,430,009
Motor Bus No.	47,922	46,571	479,279	431,078
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	274,832	239,485	1,702,228	2,279,473
Livestock	10,536	8,298	104,226	105,016
Departmental (Free Freight)	75,131	83,522	454,352	663,578
Total	360,499	331,305	2,260,806	3,048,067
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	43,566,974	36,662,028	265,498,926	352,965,320
Livestock	1,292,509	1,151,173	13,290,382	13,697,903
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,334,194	8,696,963	62,074,671	71,687,067
Total.	54,193,677	46,510,164	340,863,979	438,350,290

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 7th March.

(c) Period ended 7th March.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,122
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
<u>1952 -</u>								
March	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121
March	326	119	6	72	627	334	3	124

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). *

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
<u>1951 -</u>								
June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
<u>1952 -</u>								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	40,516	17,384	530	10,346	66,392	50,193	976	15,088
February	40,644	17,438	527	10,319	67,497	51,806	1,002	15,501

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for February, 1953:-
89 Cars; 763 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, March, 1953 and 1952, and nine months ended March, 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months Ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months Ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	2,151	5,076	22,344	48,674	8,631	6,722	67,183	57,696
Interstate	4,912	3,788	49,715	45,807	2,073	700	18,481	9,151
Total.	7,063	8,864	72,059	94,481	10,704	7,422	85,664	66,847

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953 -										
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
<u>1953 -</u> March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

201,244 lbs. were produced during April, 1953, and 13,112,673 lbs. for the ten months ended April, 1953, as against 224,190 lbs. and 13,146,734 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

GOLD PRODUCTION

	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Quantity Fine ozs.	102,464	50,269	284,239	206,938
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,587,337	778,757	4,403,298	3,205,848

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1953, amounted to £134,375. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £86,848.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series:- Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	MARCH QUARTER		12 Months Ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER.		12 Months Ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2492	2242	2422	2075	2247	2080	2212	1952
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2692	2419	2624	2230	2343	2164	2307	2036
Northam	2557	2308	2491	2118	2279	2070	2238	1955
Bunbury	2544	2299	2476	2115	2275	2106	2238	1967
Geraldton	2613	2347	2539	2157	2385	2169	2347	2046
Collie	2580	2305	2500	2115	2172	1992	2130	1872

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033	129,232	41,012	170,244
April	126,905	41,326	168,231			
May	126,734	41,110	167,844			
June	126,001	40,564	166,565			
July	125,215	40,408	165,623			
August	125,577	40,115	165,692			
September	125,235	40,272	165,507			
October	126,306	40,389	166,695			
November	126,330	40,541	166,871			
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	214	216	1354	1410	1490	1540	1538
February	182	197	212	216	219	1358	1387	1495	1536	1541
March	186	200	215	216	222	1371	1415	1513	1522	1534
April	187	200	215	215		1377	1415	1508	1517	
May	187	203	216	214		1354	1418	1500	1512	
June	187	202	215	211		1362	1429	1517	1495	
July	182	204	218	210		1381	1423	1517	1497	
August	189	204	217	214		1377	1419	1510	1488	
September	190	204	216	213		1365	1428	1518	1485	
October	191	206	217	214		1375	1431	1522	1507	
November	192	207	217	214		1402	1450	1537	1519	
December	194	207	215	215		1470	1531	1587	1574	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

TABLE 1					
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
1950	100	100	100	100	100
1951	100	100	100	100	100
1952	100	100	100	100	100
1953	100	100	100	100	100
1954	100	100	100	100	100

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
27/4/53	£. s. d. 12. 1. 10	£. s. d. 7. 17. 2	£. s. d. 12. 3. 0	£. s. d. 7. 17. 11	£. s. d. 12. 7. 9	£. s. d. 8. 1. 0

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	APRIL		10 Months Ended APRIL	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	29,365	27,092	287,232	266,318
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	26,023	23,405	254,653	231,238

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
April, 1953	6,098	241	74,724	7,245
April, 1952	5,718	301	56,449	7,491
4 Months ended April, 1953	26,154	1,277	363,214	34,057
4 Months ended April, 1952	24,268	1,406	281,642	38,290

